

THE SPECTOR-MACDONALD –AUTHORS (1920-1953, 1951-1982)

- 1- **Introduction:** (c.1972-W5) Excerpts from Dowson speech on “*The (Canadian) Labor Party and the Struggle for a socialist Canada*” : **Maurice Spector on the CLP**; *An early victory for the Communist Party of Canada (first of 4 talks available on the RD web)*
- 1920-1 Photo: Spector makes a point at meeting: with Moriarty, Buck and MacDonald
- 1922-1 Angus Document I – The Labor Left – The Communist Cadre (from Ian Angus, *Canadian Bolsheviks*, 1981, pp.64-78)
- 1922-2 Angus Document II - The Leninist Period: The Constituent Convention of the Workers Party of Canada, by Maurice Spector: (the founding of the WPC – from Angus, 1981: *Canadian Bolsheviks* (Vanguard Publications, Montreal, 339-343.) “It appears to be a report by Spector Fourth Congress of the Communist International, which he attended” (Angus – pp.339-343 – followed by) Manifesto of the WPC; Provisional platform of the WPC; WP Resolution on Labour Unions, Report (*and Resolution*) on Industrial Activity; Resolution on the United Front (pp.343-356).
- 1923-1 Angus Document III - Canadian Communists and the Left Opposition – *Canadian Bolsheviks* , excerpt from Ch. 4, “Regrouping the Left,” pp64-72 & “The Communist Cadre” pp 76-78 -- Spector on the German KPD crisis pp181-187 – The expulsion of Spector from the CP of C
- 1925-CI-p1 Wm.Moriarty – article in *Communist International* “**The Situation in Canada**”
- 1925-CI-p2 CONTENTS: Canadian Industrial Disputes Act is ultra vires under term of BNA Act.
- 1925-CI-p3 Under the terms of the BNA Act -- Growing influence of America CP's campaign for Farmer-Labour Party – but black-listed by Farmers Union of Canada.
- 1925-CI-p4 Prior to the war...
- 1925-CI-p5 Bureaucratic Dominion Trades Congress supports Canadian Labour Party
- 1925-CI-p6 CPofC agitating for Cdn union autonomy of (to call strikes) – Intl leader Lewis
- 1925-CI-p7 refused to support N.S. Miners -- CP slogan for nationalization of mines popular. Miners election of full CP slate. Cdn. Labor Party not yet nation-wide. Need for full Canadian trade-union autonomy -- as well as abolition of BNA Act.
- 1926-10Oct Labour Monthly – Spector: “Where is Canada heading for?” (6pp)
- 1928-1.doc Spector: biographical note (*Wikipedia*)
- 1928-10Oct **Synopsis of Enlarged Executive Meeting, Toronto (pp1,10,11 only)**
MacDonald to 6th Congress of the C.I. (*Canadian independence, the labor party*)
- 1928-11Nov. Spector: Letter to the Political Committee (5 PP)
- 1929 (*undated*) Spector: “The cult of Stalin's 'Third Period' ”(*Excerpts, US Trotskyism Part 1-1928-1965, Paul Le Blanc,, Bryan Palmer, Thomas Bias, Haymarket Books, 2017, p33*)
- 1932-1a Cover page, Spector: “Selected Readings in Marxism (*See “Documents” folder*)
- 1932-05May Angus: Document IV - **Statement of Jack MacDonald upon expulsion from the CP of C** (from Angus,*Canadian Bolsheviks*, 1981, pp. 369-373)
- 1933-July **The Regina Manifesto**– adopted at the First National Convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CF)

- 1934-02Feb Spector: Congress of the Comintern bureaucracy?
- 1934-09Sept *Vanguard* – E. Robertson: CCF “Marxists” and Stalinist “critics”
- 1937-01Jan Spector: Introduction to Lessons of October” by Trotsky
- 1938-01Jan from *The New International* (SWP New York): “Books on the Twentieth Anniversary” (reviews of works by André Gide & Victor Serge) , by Maurice Spector
- 1938-04 April-1 – from *The New International* -- “The Record of the Democracies” by Maurice Spector
- 1938-06 from *The New International* – “The Collapse of the New Deal” by Maurice Spector
The “Roosevelt Revolution”
- 1938-08 from *The New International* – Books: The English Worker (review) by E. Robertson
- 1938-09 p261 -- from *The New International* -- “Canada and World Politics” by E. Robertson
Land of monopolies – Canadian “imperialism”
- 1938-09 p262 – An infant prodigy – Cross-eyes of Canadian politics
- 1938-09 p263 – Canada and martial self-determination
- 1938-09 p264 – Arsenal for the coming slaughter
- 1938-10Oct22 – from *The New International* – “Internationalism–Our Banner,” by Maurice Spector, MISSING Co-editor NI – incl. Socialist Appeal front page “World Congress founds the F.I.”**
- 1938-10 p301 -- *The New International* – “The Soviets and Democracy” by Maurice Spector
- 1938-10 p302 – The absence of Workers Democracy
- 1938-10 p303 -- (conclusion)
- 1938-10 p304 --*The New International* -- “Is French Canada Going Fascist?” by Robertson
Arcand, fascist chameleon
- 1938-10 p305 – Petrified church-state
- 1938-10 p306 – The Padlock Law
- 1938-10 p307 – The proletarian road
- 1938-11 p329 – *The New International* -- “The Popular Front's Guilt,” by Maurice Spector
The victorious advance of Hitler
- 1938-11 p330 – (conclusion) Collective Security proved to be a colossal swindle
- 1938- **Leon Trotsky on the Labor Party in the USA**
Discussions in 1938 with James P. Cannon and other SWP leaders -- *annotations/ by Ross Dowson: (in bold type next to Trotsky's comments)*
- 1939-02 “Lenin on Imperialism” by Leon Trotsky (the outbreak of World War One)
- 1939-99-1 “Canadian Capitalism and the Strategy of the Revolutionary Movement”
(Undated, unsigned document found in June), likely author Robertson shortly before he resigned from the movement)
- 1940-01Jan Extract “Earl Birney: A life” by E. Cameron + J.P. Cannon letter re Birney

RWL PERIOD (from 1941)

- 1941-99 (Undated handwritten notes, found in c.1943), “The War, Women & Industry”; on the historical demand for female labor in times of war; now in Canada women are a permanent part of workforce, concentrated in unskilled and semi-skilled occupations but increasing doing men’s jobs while remaining largely unorganized

- 1944-1 Dowson in Canadian Army-Resigning Officer rank
- 1945-12Dec *(Undated handwritten notes dated by RD ‘Fall of 1945’)* re: addressing ‘the problem of French Canada;’ a historical sketch and the role of the clergy; monopoly capitalism finds a rich field of exploitation today; the rise of petit bourgeois nationalism; comparing wages and hours in Quebec with Ontario; the dead weight of the church and distorted society and education; Lenin quoted on the right of secession of enslaved nations; the reactionary and negative nature of present Quebec nationalism; the lack of any progressive ends of secession existing in Quebec today; ‘however the sentiment that the nationalist movement exploits is essentially progressive – ‘
- 1947-04Apr The R.W.P. and internationalism (R D.)
- 1948-1 RWL activists at Toronto HQ
- SEL PERIOD (from 1955)***
- 1951-07 (DUP)CCF-Tasks&Perspect-R.Dowson
- 1958- The Labor Party in America, by Leon Trotsky
- LSA PERIOD (from 1961)***
- 1961-11Nov WV-Editorial by R.D. Time to Re-think NDP Policy (on Soviet Union)
It's High Time to Re-think Where Canada Must Stand
- 1964-09Sept ‘The Struggle for a Proletarian Party in Canada (1921-45)’
- 1967-09Sept Pt. 1&2: History of the Canadian Trotskyist movement – Ross Dowson
- 1967-09Sept Pt. 2&3: (1971) Trotskyists driven underground during World War 2
- 1967-09Sept Pt. 3 & Q. And A. (1971) The Canadian concept of “entryism” -- building a team
- 1967-09Sept Pt. 4 (Sept. 1971) How Trotskyists stood up to Stalinism – the Spirit of '21
- 1968-08Aug Maurice Spector *(signed R.D.)*
- 1968-08Aug Review: “Soldiers of the International” -- Rodney book
- 1968-08Aug Spector in Rodney book, by R.D.
- 1969-08Aug CANADA-U.S.RELATIONS—Reply: On Americanization
- 1969-08Aug LSA/LSO Statement On the discussion
- 1969-08Aug Watkins Report filed into Govt’s Morgue
- 1969-08Aug NDP leader Taylor projects No Real Alternatives
- 1970-00 The Socialist Vanguard and the NDP, by Ross Dowson *(1976 note: “Our Orientation to the NDP—as a strategy – and its tactical application”: Touchstone of class politics - Opposition -- The Concept of Entry – The Youth Radicalization of the 1960s)*
- 1971z Labor Challenge photo montage-Canadian Movement Leaders
- 1973-04Apr Part 1- The Collapse of our NDP Work in Ontario and some Lessons for the Future
- 1973-04Apr Part 2 - By Harry Knight (H.K.) *(unknown, R.Dowson style-Ed.)* Toronto East Branch

FORWARD GROUP PERIOD (from 1974)

1974-01Jan- Subversion of the socialist orientation to the NDP (*Cover-booklet at W5-RD Archives*)

1974-06Jun-Against sectarianism—Challenge of the labor party (*Cover-booklet at W5-RD Archives*)

1974-Nov – “Maurice Spector, pioneer Canadian socialist, on the national question.”

(article by Ontario historian Gary O'Brien)

1974-99 Ross Dowson-photo-Capilano BC

1982-06-*Forward* #48 Summer Issue: R. Dowson critique of “Canadian Bolsheviks” by Ian Angus